17. To file with the county auditor and to publish in two newspapers of general circulation in the district before February 4 first full and detailed reports under oath of all receipts, from whatever source derived, and expenditures of such county agricultural extension education fund showing from whom received, to whom paid and for what purpose for the last fiscal year.

Approved April 25, 1974

CHAPTER 1153

DAIRY INDUSTRY COMMISSION

H. F. 1226

AN ACT relating to the dairy industry commission.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Section one hundred seventy-nine point one (179.1), Code 1973, is amended by adding the following new subsection: 2

3 NEW SUBSECTION. "Collection period" means a calendar month.

Section one hundred seventy-nine point two (179.2), Code 1973, is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

179.2 Commission created. There is created an Iowa dairy industry commission, referred to in this chapter as the commission. The commission shall be composed of the head of the dairy science department and the head of the food technology department of Iowa state university of science and technology, the secretary of agriculture or his designee, and nine members appointed by the secretary of agriculture as provided in this section.

For purposes of this chapter, the board of directors of the Iowa state dairy association shall divide the state, by counties, into nine districts, each having approximately an equal number of cows kept for milking purposes, based on the latest available United States census.

The districts shall be numbered consecutively by the board. 15 16

On or before May 15, 1975 and each year thereafter, the board of directors of the Iowa state dairy association shall nominate for the offices of appointive commissioners, three resident producers from each of the nine representative districts. The list of nominees shall be certified to the secretary of agriculture by the president and secretary of the Iowa state dairy association. On or before June 10, 1975, the secretary of agriculture shall appoint one of the nominees so certified from each of the districts as a commissioner of the Iowa dairy industry commission. Commissioners selected from districts one, four, and seven shall be appointed for one-year terms; commissioners appointed from districts two, five, and eight shall be appointed for two-year terms; and commissioners appointed from districts three, six, and nine shall be appointed for three-year terms. Thereafter, commissioners shall be appointed for three-year terms in the manner provided in this

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 Commissioners shall serve until their successors are duly appointed and qualify. Vacancies occurring in the membership of the commission resulting from removal from the district, death, inability or refusal to serve, or failure to meet the definition of a producer, shall be filled within three months of the time the vacancy occurs in the manner provided in this section. Vacancy appointments shall be only for the remainder of the unexpired term. A commissioner shall not serve more than two consecutive full terms.

Appointive members of the commission shall receive forty dollars for each day spent on official business of the commission, not to exceed six hundred dollars per annum, and their actual and necessary expenses, including mileage at the rate of ten cents per mile, while engaged in commission activity.

SEC. 3. Section one hundred seventy-nine point five (179.5), subsection one (1), Code 1973, is amended to read as follows:

1. There Except as otherwise provided in section seven (7) of this Act, there is hereby levied and imposed an excise tax of one cent per pound or fraction thereof upon all butterfat seld in cream and four cents per hundredweight or fraction thereof in milk produced in the state during the period beginning May 1 and terminating June 30, inclusive, annually; provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to butterfat in milk and cream produced outside the state. For the purpose of computing the tax in markets where butterfat tests are not available, or the butterfat content not definitely known, the amount of butterfat in milk and cream shall be computed on the basis of four percent in the case of milk, and thirty-two percent in the case of cream.

SEC. 4. Section one hundred seventy-nine point five (179.5), subsection two (2), paragraph a, Code 1973, is amended to read as follows:

a. Where the producer produces milk or cream from cows and thereafter sells the same as milk, cream, or other dairy products, directly to the consumer the taxes aforesaid shall be held remitted by such producer.

SEC. 5. Section one hundred seventy-nine point six (179.6), Code 1973, is amended to read as follows:

179.6 Producers' records. Every producer shipping milk, cream or other dairy products to any dealer outside of Iowa who is not by agreement with the commission collecting the tax imposed by this chapter, and every first dealer within the state and every producer distributing milk, cream, or other dairy products directly to the consumer, shall keep a complete and accurate record of all butterfat taxed by this chapter in milk or cream produced, bottled, processed or distributed by him during the any period of May 1 to June 30, inclusive, of each year for which an excise tax levy is imposed under the provisions of this chapter. Such records shall be in such form and contain such information as the commission shall by rule or regulation prescribe and shall be preserved by the person charged with their making for a period of two years and shall be offered or submitted for inspection at any time upon written or oral request by the commission or its duly authorized agent or employee.

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Section one hundred seventy-nine point seven (179.7), Code 1973, is amended to read as follows:

179.7 Returns filed with commission. Every person charged by this chapter or by agreement with the commission with the keeping of records provided for in this chapter shall at such times as the commission may by rule or regulation require, file with the commission a return on forms to be prescribed and furnished by the commission stating the quantity of dairy products produced, bottled, processed, or distributed, and butterfat content of all milk or cream produced by, delivered to or purchased by such person from the various producers of dairy products or their agents in the state during the collection period ef time prescribed in subsection 1 of section 179.5 and as a result of any referendum. Such return shall contain such other information as the commission may require, and shall be made in triplicate, one copy of which shall be for the files of the person making the return, and one copy available at the office of such person, for the use of his patrons, and the original filed with the commission.

SEC. 7. Chapter one hundred seventy-nine (179), Code 1973, is amended by adding the following new sections:

NEW SECTION. Under such administrative procedures as the department of agriculture may prescribe for conduct of referendums hereinafter provided for, the department shall, upon petition by one thousand five hundred or more producers, conduct an initial referendum within sixty days after receipt thereof on the proposition of whether or not an excise tax of up to five cents per hundredweight on all milk sold in this state separate from and in addition to that provided for in section one hundred seventy-nine point five (179.5) of the Code, shall be levied and assessed.

Notice of any referendum hereunder to levy such additional excise tax in the first instance, or any extension thereof, including the date of the referendum and voting places, shall be given by the department by publication for a period of not less than five days in a newspaper of general circulation in the state and in such other newspapers as the department may prescribe. Referendum voting shall be conducted no sooner than ten days after the last date of publication of such notice.

Each producer, upon signing a statement certifying to the department that he is a bona fide producer as defined in this chapter, shall be entitled to one vote in each referendum. At the close of any referendum, the department shall within thirty days thereafter count and tabulate the ballots filed during such referendum. If from the tabulation the department determines that a majority of the total number of producers voting in the referendum favor the proposal, the excise tax provided for in this section shall be imposed in the manner provided in section one hundred seventy-nine point five (179.5), subsection two (2) of the Code on the sixtieth day after the date of determination by the department that the referendum has passed. The ballots thus cast shall constitute complete and conclusive evidence for use in determinations made by the department under the provisions of this chapter.

If the referendum vote favors imposition of the additional excise tax provided for in this section, the commission shall not more frequently than once per calendar year, set the initial and subsequent

assessment rates as follows:

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1. For the months of May and June an amount which when added to the excise tax provided for in section one hundred seventy-nine point five (179.5) of the Code equates to a total of five cents or less per hundredweight on taxable milk sold during those months.

2. For all other calendar months five cents or less per hundred-

weight of taxable milk sold during those months.

However, during the first year of the excise tax period created by the first favorable referendum vote pursuant to the provisions of this section, the assessment rate set by the commission for May and June shall not exceed that established by section one hundred seventy-nine point five (179.5) of the Code, and the assessment rate set by the commission for all other calendar months of such year shall not exceed three cents per hundredweight.

The commission shall give notice of all rates thus established by publication for a period of not less than three consecutive days in a newspaper of general circulation in the state at least thirty days in

advance of the effective date thereof.

Any excise tax adopted under this section pursuant to the initial referendum shall become of no force or effect five years after its commencement unless it is extended for subsequent five-year periods by additional referendums. Ninety days prior to termination of the initial assessment period, or any extension period, the secretary shall cause notice to be published in accordance with the notice required in this section for the initial referendum, and a referendum on the question of whether the excise tax as provided for in this section should be extended for an additional five-year period shall be conducted. If the department determines that a majority of the total number of producers voting in the referendum favor the assessment, the excise tax provided for herein shall continue to be levied for an additional five years from the ending date of the preceding five-year period.

All excise taxes due pursuant to this section shall be collected in accordance with the provisions of this chapter relating to the collection of the excise tax provided for in section one hundred seventy-nine point five (179.5) of the Code, as nearly as may be, and deposited in the dairy industry fund. Such funds may only be expended by the

commission pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

If the department determines that any referendum has failed, no subsequent referendum shall be conducted sooner than one hundred eighty days after such determination. Pursuant to petition or motion as hereinabove provided filed within one year after its most recent determination, the department shall then conduct a subsequent referendum in accordance with the provisions of this section.

In the event of failure to make such petition within said period, or, the second consecutive failure of any referendum to pass, no further referendums shall be conducted and the levy and assessment created in this section shall terminate and be of no further force or effect.

NEW SECTION. Influencing legislation. Neither commissioners, nor employees of the commission, shall attempt in any manner to influence legislation affecting any matters pertaining to the activities of the commission. No portion of the dairy industry fund shall be used in any manner to influence legislation or support any political can-

- 89 didate for public office, either directly or indirectly, or to support any 90 political party.
 - Section one hundred seventy-nine point twelve (179.12). Code 1973, is repealed.

Approved April 19, 1974

CHAPTER 1154

EXCISE TAX ON BEEF

S. F. 1339

AN ACT to provide for the imposition of an excise tax on the sale of beef cattle and veal calves in lieu of the tax presently collected and to alter the amount of funds allocated to the national livestock and meat board.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Section one hundred eighty-one point thirteen (181.13). Code 1973, is amended to read as follows:

3 181.13 Fund. All excise taxes imposed and levied under this chapter shall be paid to and collected by the executive committee and de-4 posited with the treasurer of state in a separate cattle and veal calf 5 fund which is hereby created. From the moneys collected in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, the executive committee shall first pay the costs of referendums held pursuant hereto; the costs of collection of such excise tax, the expenses of its agents and expenses of 9 officers provided for in section 181.5. At Except as otherwise provided 10 in section 2 of this Act, at least thirty percent of the funds remaining thereafter shall be remitted to the national livestock and meat board 11 12 and the beef industry council thereof, and at least ten percent of the 13 remaining funds shall be remitted to the Iowa beef cattle producers 14 association in such proportions as the committee may determine, for use by them in a manner not inconsistent with section 181.7. The 15 16 remaining moneys received, with approval of a majority of the execu-17 tive committee, shall be expended as found necessary to carry out the 18 provisions and purposes of this chapter. The cattle and veal calf fund 19 shall be subject at all times to warrants by the state comptroller, 20 drawn upon the written requisition of the chairman of the executive 21 committee and attested to by its secretary, for the payment of all expenditures of the committee, which shall, at no time, exceed the 22 23 amount deposited to the credit of such fund. 24

Chapter one hundred eighty-one (181), Code 1973, is amended by adding the following new section:

NEW SECTION. Additional referendum. The secretary shall, upon the petition of five hundred producers, conduct an initial referendum to determine whether an excise tax of twenty-five cents per head on all beef cattle and five cents per head on all veal calves sold for slaughter. and ten cents per head on all sales of beef cattle for any other purpose.

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